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SYDNEY DUO RACE FOR TITLE



Brisbane Lions' John Russell (left) beating APIA star Rosario Rampanti to the ball in Sunday's match.

As we predicted two weeks ago, Marconi and Sydney City have started to draw away from an ordinary looking field in the Philips League.

For the third year running, their duel is likely to characterise most of the season — even if in the end the title may slip into somebody else's lap — possible but unlikely.

The two provincial teams, Newcastle and Canberra, are holding their own, while Adelaide City appears to be gliding smoothly to get within striking distance.

Even at this early stage, the championship chances of the others are not too good.

POINTS FOUND

Brisbane City and APIA, while well placed, simply haven't got the class to challenge for the top, while West Adelaide, having lost Neil McGachey with a broken leg, will struggle to stay in contention.

The "redistribution" of the South Melbourne points, as ordered by the ASF, overruling the PSL, has made the position of Heidelberg and Olympic more respectable.

Meanwhile, South Melbourne, deprived of three valuable points, were at the foot of the table only

for a few hours — by beating the Saints they leapfrogged in front of them.

The St. George crisis continues; it's impossible to write it off any longer as sheer bad luck or a form slump.

And if they hedge their bets too long, they may find themselves in a hopeless position and the prime relegation candidates.

The weekend's big clash will bring together Sydney City and APIA at Wentworth Park — their first championship game since 1976.

Also in Sydney St. George will try to get a point off West Adelaide while Marconi may have a bit of trouble against their hoodoo opponents, Brisbane City.

Canberra are at home to Sydney Olympic while Newcastle travel to Brisbane and clash with Lions for the points.

The Footscray v South Melbourne match will bring together two more strugglers, while Adelaide City should account for Heidelberg at Olympic Sports Field.

BLANCO AT SAINTS

Raul Blanco is the new coach of troubled St. George with just one mission: save the team from relegation.

Former Hungarian World Cup goalie Joe Gelei earlier this week was released from the job following a long private conference with the club's president.

It is understood that many leading St. George officials were desperately trying to save Gelei but in the end they agreed to ac-

cept his dismissal, no doubt forced on him by immense pressure.

Blanco told Melita officials on Sunday, hours before Melita's match, that he would quit and accept the part-time post with St. George.

Melita immediately complained to the NSW Federation about the "poaching" of their coach but it's unlikely that the ASF would take action.

Gelei's immediate future is uncertain but he is likely to stay in Sydney for at least four months.

Club supporters predict that Gelei's shock departure will have further reverberations and could lead to the resignation of some leading officials.

Since last Monday night the PSL affairs of St. George have been taken over from the committee by a three-man "junta".

Its members are Alex Pongrass, Steve Konig and Oscar Veghelyi.

During a stormy meeting with the club supporters, Pongrass offered his resignation if anybody cared to take over.

He also told the meeting that if the current emergency measures fail to bring results, he would vacate the presidency.



Raul Blanco

COMMENT

The membership of the Oceania Confederation has increased by 25 percent — Australia has rejoined the fold.

At the same meeting ASF chief Sir Arthur George became the Confederation's president.

All this should make Australian soccer fans jump with joy — but most took the news phlegmatically, if they took it at all.

And no wonder: deep in their hearts they know, as we do, that the Oceania Confederation is hardly more than a parochial comedy.

With the membership consisting of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea, it lacks numbers, muscle, know-how and even targets.

The agitation to rejoin this pathetic little organisation has been puzzling, to say the least.

We were members once — and never even played the other teams of the Confederation.

But anyway, even without membership we could play them as often as we wish — but we don't wish: Papua New Guinea or Fiji would draw 200 spectators in Sydney or Melbourne and New Zealand maybe twice that.

The main argument for the return has been that through this move Oceania and Australia will have a "voice" at FIFA.

Let's be honest about it: FIFA is run by Europe and South America and the others are merely well treated, dined and wined observers.

Now that we are back, the others, notably Fiji and Papua New Guinea, will expect leadership, fresh ideas and all sorts of assistance from Australia.

Can we provide any of these when we ourselves are facing innumerable problems with the task of yanking the game out of its ossified position?

It would have been infinitely wiser to renew attempts to join the large and active Asian Conference which once rejected our approaches.

There we could have entered the mainstream of Asian soccer — tournaments and cups for national teams and club sides.

Our soccer future — indeed, Australia's future — is tied to Asia; the sooner we admit this the swifter we can make the necessary adjustments.

We have nothing at all to benefit from an Oceania Confederation whose other members are even smaller and weaker than we are — except perhaps the dubious glory of leading them.

Whether we are in Oceania or not, FIFA will still lump us together with the Asian countries in all future World Cup elimination series; Oceania on its own will never be allowed to have a finalist on its own.

So we will once again meet the Asians — without the benefit of belonging to their organisation, taking part in their tournaments and having a say in the arrangement of our World Cup games.

It would be nice to doubt whether our opposition to Oceania is a correct one; perhaps an explanation from the leading lights may convince us.

But there has been no explanation; no statement as to the firm plans and hopes of Oceania beyond a few platitudes.

The last time we were members of Oceania, our officials admitted that this misbegotten confederation was slowly dying in a deep coma.

One fears that it will be the same story again.

SOCEROO HERMISTON

SOUTHS LOSE POINTS

South Melbourne have finally lost the three points over the unregistered use of Tony Turner.

Last weekend the full ASF executive overruled the PSL management committee decision which had restored South Melbourne's points.

Heidelberg thus receives one and Olympic two points.

All results are now registered with a 3-0 scoreline.

The new results, with the actual score in brackets, are: Heidelberg v South Melbourne 3-0 (2-2), Olympic v South Melbourne 3-0 (0-1), Newcastle v South Melbourne 3-0 (2-1).

Our table on P2 has been adjusted accordingly.

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BRISB LIONS	1 (1)	HEIDELBERG	2 (1)	ADEL CITY	2 (1)	MARCONI	2 (2)	ST GEORGE	0 (0)	CAN CITY	2 (1)	SYD CITY	1 (1)

Goals: 1-0 Rampanti (16 m, pen), 1-1 Brennan (21 m), 2-1 Wilson (65m).

APIA: Woodhouse 3, Skellern 3, Turnbull 3, Carruthers 4, Wilson 4, Pullen 2, Stone 2, Rampanti 4, Reed 2, Samuels 3 (Drews 55 m), Vernon 3. **Coach:** J. Adam.

LIONS: Scanlon 3, Lawrie 3, Niven 3, Russell 3, Bennett 3, Hermiston 4, Hughes 3, Brennan 4, Wallace 4, Amos 3, Ontong 3. **Coach:** E. Spearritt.

Referee: J. Reeves (NSW). **Crowd:** 2473. **Cautions:**

Turnbull, Brennan, Wallace.

APIA's plodding climb up the PSL table continued with this uninspiring victory over a Lions team that showed glimpses of talent, but which lacked fitness.

Fitness was APIA's chief asset, for in the second half they kept moving forward and wore Lions down, enabling Wilson to head home a desperate, close winner.

It was good to see Rampanti display a few of his undoubted wares; his feints, flicks and double passes were valuable, mainly in the second half.

APIA could easily have had a bagful of goals, though this would not have reflected the overall picture of the game.

It was just that their attacks always managed to get into the box, though they didn't always put the ball away.

Lions were spearheaded by Brennan and Wallace, both of whom showed initiative and aggression.

Rampanti's penalty came after an alleged handball, though at the time it seemed that Scanlon had given Samuels an almighty shove.

Brennan created then finished off Lions' equaliser, but then former Socceroo Peter Wilson earned two points when he had two bites at the cherry, first shooting, then heading home the rebound from a Rampanti cross.

— S. Dettre

Goals: 0-1 Bozikas (14m), 1-1 Wilson (82m), 1-2 Bozikas (90m).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 3, Ainslie 4, Bell 3, Wilson 4, Cross 3 (Raskopoulos 45m, 3), Laing 3, Rowden 3, Botham 3 (Scott 45m, 4), Eaton 3, Jennings 3. **Coach:** J. Marston.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 4, McMillan 4, Tansey 5, Selimidis (Rooney 12m, 3), Provan 4, Bannon 4, Taylor 3, Campbell 4. **Bozikas:** 5, Cole 3, Buljevic 3. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

Referee: H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 2430.

On this display Heidelberg are going to cause some concern to their opponents from here on.

They did not have much to beat on this occasion as Olympic had a horror stretch for the entire first half, and only improved when Marston had a halftime shake-up.

Mike Cross and Ray Botham moved out for Peter Raskopoulos and Andy Scott, and Ken Wilson and Ian Rowden changed roles.

Whilst Heidelberg ended up 7-3 ahead on good scoring chances as well as the more important 2-1 on goals, Olympic did put some heart into the second half.

Ken Wilson drove in a 82nd minute shot that deflected off Pat Bannon's boot for an equaliser, but they did not close the ranks and the visitors forced a couple of corners and then a winning goal through the "everywhere" man, Andy Bozikas.

His first goal had just enough height to beat Gary Meier and go under the bar, as he caught Meier well forward and in the spot where he makes so many sensational saves.

The foundation for Heidelberg's win was well laid early by Jim Tansey and Pat Bannon, who relished their defensive roles and turned many balls into firm attacks.

— K. Gilmour

Goals: 0-1 Deans (15m), 0-2 J. Nyskohus (89m).

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 6, Iliaski 3, Ristic 3, Jovicic 1 (sent off), Kondarios 4, Jovanovic 3, Rujicic 2 (Hazabent 46m), Polinkas 4, Ollerton 3, Ristovski 3 (Martin 79m), Lujic 4. **Coach:** C. Cirkovic.

ADEL CITY: Marshall 4, Dods 4, Perin 4, Besir 5, Muir 5, B. Nyskohus 4. **Northcote:** 5, Deans 4, J. Nyskohus 5, Kent 4, Muniz 4. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Referee: S. Mellings (Vic.). **Crowd:** 1500. **Cautions:**

Iliaski. **Sent off:** Jovicic.

A superb performance by Denis Boland saved Footscray from what could have been a crushing defeat against the aggressive and well organised Adelaide City.

Stopper Jovicic failed to mark his man closely enough while Ristic was slow in recovery.

Adelaide City opened with a cautious 4-2-4 formation to test the opposition in the first half.

With Muniz playing inconsistently, it was left to the superbly mobile Northcote to patrol every blade of the midfield zone.

Adelaide went ahead after 15 minutes when John Nyskohus beat Lujic on the run and crossed to Deans who sidefooted the ball into the net.

In a desperate attempt to reverse the pressure Footscray gained brief dominance but lacked a coordinated midfield and so most of their moves broke down.

Lonely fighter Joe Palinkas could do little because of lack of support.

Jovicic was sent off in the 68th minute for retaliating against Perin, having repeatedly punched his opponent earlier.

Johnny Nyskohus sealed the fate of the game a minute from the end, pouncing on a mistake by Kondarios to round Boland with the ball.

— C. Nikolopoulos

Goals: 0-1 Lindsay (9m), 0-2 Krnecic (11m), 1-2 Kambas (37m, pen.).

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 3, Bozanic 4, Reynolds 4 (Dolley 73m), Tymczyszyn 4, Kambas 4, Jones 3, Boyle 5, Pillans 3 (Zervas 70m), Kosmina 3, Honeyman 3, McGregor 3. **Coach:** T. Forde.

MARCONI: Maher 5, Brogan 3, Degney 4, Russell 4, Prskalo 4, Henderson 4, Byrne 3, Vieri 2 (Berry 46m), Lindsay 3, Krnecic 4, Sharne 4. **Coach:** L. Scheinfugl.

Referee: D. Campbell. **Crowd:** 5354. **Cautions:**

Tymczyszyn, Kosmina, Prskalo, Henderson.

After being two goals down in the opening 11 minutes, a lesser team would have buckled, but Westad revived memories of their championship-winning 1978 form as they staged a gutsy come-back.

Westad made the early running only to see Marconi charge to a 2-0 lead through Mark Jankovic's replacement, Ken Lindsay, and exciting young striker, Eddie Krnecic.

Marconi, with 79 minutes left to play, seemed set to seize their fourth bonus point of the season, but the trend changed dramatically as Peter Boyle took complete charge of the midfield.

The wiry Scot, soon to take out Australian citizenship, cajoled and inspired his colleagues with a virtuous performance which left his opposing midfielders grasping.

Westad notched their only goal of the game in the 37th minute when Paul Degney brought Vic Bozanic down as he weaved into the penalty box and referee Donald Campbell pointed to the spot.

Con Kambas had his penalty kick saved by Allan Maher, but the Marconi goalkeeper could not hold the ball and Kambas rammed the rebound home.

— A. Crisp

Goals: 1-0 Christopoulos (66m), 2-0 Evans (78m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, Kalafatidis 3, Pye 4, Davidson 4, Baxter 4, Wright 3, Lutton 4, Christopoulos 5, Drakeford 3, Evans 5, Campbell 5. **Coach:** D. McKay.

ST GEORGE: Coe 4, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 4, Barton 3, R. O'Shea 4, Grosse 3, Katholos 4, J. O'Shea 3, Matic 4, Morgan 3, O'Connor 5. **Coach:** J. Gelei.

Referee: T. Beazleigh (Victoria). **Crowd:** 5000. **Cautions:**

Kalafatidis.

With the position of bottom place at stake, both teams settled down to the task of finding the road to goal.

For Souths, Evans had Christopoulos up front with him for the first time and they were showing up well.

O'Connor with Matic and Katholos were also active for St. George.

Then the serious business of winning the game began with J. O'Shea testing out Peter Laumets in the 28th minute for a great save.

This spurred South into action and the soccer purist would say that it was poetry in motion for 10 minutes with moves which had the Saints under some pressure.

Evans and Wright were both unlucky with near things originating from Baxter and Campbell.

The change-over had O'Connor scraping the post, and Evans harassing Saint's defence with three volatile attacks.

Campbell forged well on the right wing with a low cross to Christopoulos to score in the 66th minute.

Heart-warming stuff this, and Evans capped off a great game with a fine goal in the 78th minute.

Saints put their all into retrieving the position but Baxter was impregnable.

Drakeford scraped the bar with a rocket in the 81st minute with South giving good value all the way.

— J. Stephen

Goals: 0-1 Davies (7m), 0-2 Byrne (89m).

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 3, Willis 3, Summerscales 3, Drinkwater 3, Curran 3, McClelland 3, Seddon 2 (McBreen 76m), Cowburn 3, Heys 2, Boden 4, Harris 3 (Tredinnick 53m, 3). **Coach:** A. Vest.

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 4, Moulis 3, Stark 4, Brown 4, Milovanovic 4, Hogg 3 (Gruicic 64m, 3), Cant 3, Davies 4, Salgado 3 (Kawelawa 54m, 3), Byrne 4, Fielding 4. **Coach:** V. Fernandez.

Referee: A. Boskovic (NSW). **Crowd:** 8359. **Cautions:**

Milovanovic, Cant, Moulis.

Newcastle's great run of success came to an abrupt end against a no-nonsense Canberra City.

Under the penetrating eyes of Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf Newcastle gave their most disappointing performance for some time, having little answer to the brisk tackling of Canberra's backline.

But Milovanovic has carried out his duties well and Heys was rarely seen thereafter as a penetrating attacker.

It took Canberra only seven minutes to slip into the lead when John Davies, such a cultured midfielder, hoodwinked Bill Summerscales and Roy Drinkwater then placed his shot low in the corner to deceive 'keeper Phil Dando.

In the second half winger Peter Tredinnick took over from Keith Harris, but there was still little cohesion in the Newcastle lineup with strange tactics being adopted to try and break the stranglehold the Canberra defence had.

With Newcastle desperately striving for the equaliser goal, Terry Byrne, a constant danger throughout, broke away to consolidate Canberra's important win.

— M. Hay

PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS...

• St. George assistant coach Tibor Zuckermann, relieved of his position, has asked for two weeks to think over the club's offer of being in charge of one of the lower grade teams.

• John Davies is playing excellent football. As he is not in the national squad he should not be far outside it," says Canberra City coach Vic Fernandez.

• Marconi's bid for their delayed PSL championship honours has brought another twist on the interstate transport front. Club enthusiast Gary Dent took his own plane to fly top scorer Mark Jankovic down to Adelaide. Mark was able to get another day's rest and treatment for his hamstring problem before joining the rest of the team, who flew to Adelaide on Saturday.

• "I believe that Stefan Matic will be absolutely outstanding when he fully settles down. The mere fact that he was recommended to us by Frank Arak says a lot, but he is now developing more understanding with the other players," says St. George's manager Les Bordacs.

• "A youngster like Peter Raskopoulos must have time to settle down, and it might not happen until he finishes school at the end of the year. He is playing football constantly, including Rugby League at school and con-

stant knocks have left him a little flat," says Sydney Olympic coach Joe Marston. Raskopoulos has been giving acupuncture treatment around one knee.

• "Whether Ian Rowden goes into defence or as defensive mid-fielder, we must allow him time to settle in," says Marston. On long-striding Graham Jennings, he feels

the youngster will improve his confidence as he also gets more games under his belt. Meanwhile Jennings is already firmly rooted as a great favourite with the club fans.

• APIA's new players Elwyn Roberts and Jim Dempsey are due into Sydney this week, possibly arriving on the same flight.

"I gave the selection of Joe Watson a lot of thought before I announced him in the national squad. If he is sent off once more he is out. My task requires players who can be relied upon. As national team players they must be a good example to youngsters, and in addition I must support the referees," Rudi Gutendorf told a

Sydney press conference last week.

• Adelaide City are getting a young English player, David Quirk, from Gillingham.

• South Melbourne's two new imports arrived last week: Chris Galvin, 27, a midfielder, and Dave Stewart, 21, a winger, both from Hull City. Galvin played with

Leeds five years ago, while Stewart has represented Northern Ireland.

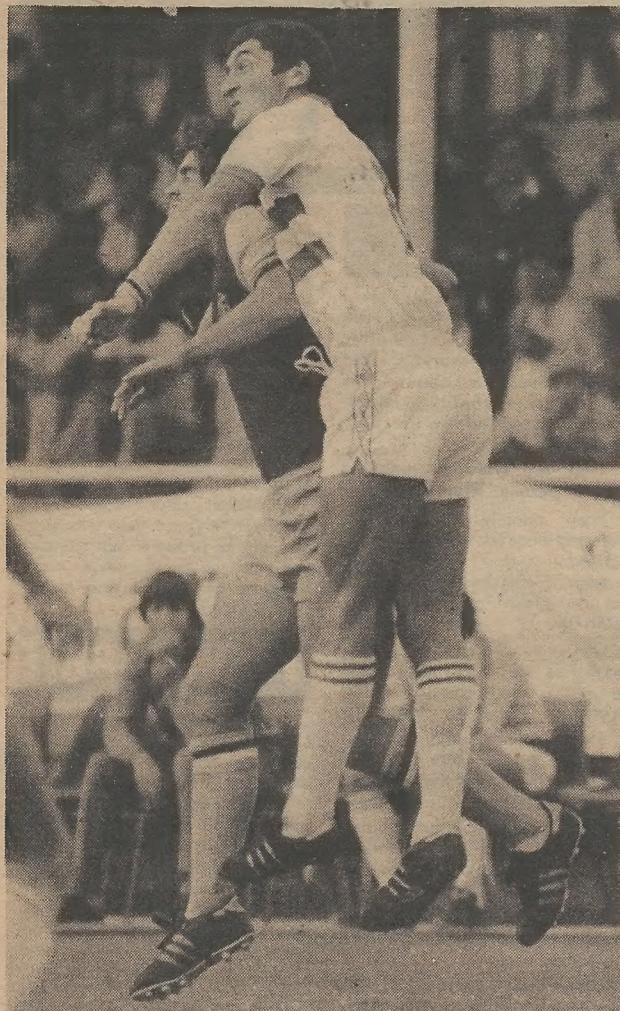
• Brian Stoddart, who has given Canberra City sterling service since the club's inception has decided to return to South Africa. The 27-year-old attacking midfielder was recruited from the South Africa Highlands Park Club in 1976.

IRISH STAR

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Lions' Jim Hermiston climbs high to contest a ball in the match against APIA.

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Lions president John Mordas: "We can hardly wait for the end of the season: by being forced to play at Perry Park, we will lose close to \$50,000 a year."

• Eddie Spearritt, Lions coach: "We have lost five games by the odd goal so far; our luck should change."

• Jim Hermiston, Lions: "We should have never lost the match to APIA; but the second goal somehow killed the team's spirit."

• "I believe it won't be long before we see Todd Clarke and Murray Barnes take their places in the national team squad," says Sydney Slickers coach Gerry Chalid.

• Marconi have been on the prowl for another classy defender. Could Richard Yamine (Malta) and Bruno Cagali (Croatia) or Keith Schumann (Sutherland) be amongst those on their shopping list?

• "You didn't put any pressure on them!" was Sydney Olympic coach Joe Marston's anguished cry to his silent team after the Heidelberg match at Pratten Park last Sunday.

• APIA coach Jim Adam watched the last two of his team's games from the official box instead of the bench on the touchline. Before the Cup game on Anzac Day, some APIA supporters put up a sign of skull and bones with the wording: "Adam must go" near the players' entrance.

• While APIA, colorless and dour, struggled to beat Lions, stars such as Butler, Richards and McGinn were among the spectators.

• The purge at APIA continues: this week it was goalie David McQuire who left after a disagreement with coach Jim Adam. McQuire is now available on a free transfer.

Brisbane

The argument for neutral referees got a boost last Sunday at Perry Park. Brisbane City fans have long disliked our local brand of refereeing and have never hidden the fact.

They refuse to accept the fact that the men in black do have "off" days. Last week's game was ruined by the "card syndrome" that seems to have as its most avid disciples, the Brisbane refs.

Not for them the stern "one warning" method of Boskovic. Not for them the quiet word running alongside a player who is needling.

Rules are rules and cards are cards, so why not use them. One reflects back to Englishman Aston (who picks World Cup referees) when he lectured, "Learn the rules by heart, throw away the book, and interpret them as the game flows on and on."

The PSL management committee will no doubt want a report on the goings on at Perry Park where the scenes were not only ugly, but could have quite easily developed into a riot.

— J. Binnie

WEST ADELAIDE

VS	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
SYDNEY CITY	1	2	1	10	10	0
S. MELBOURNE	1	2	1	4	4	0
MARCONI	0	1	1	0	1	-1
HEIDELBERG	1	0	1	0	1	-1
BRIS. LIONS	1	2	0	2	2	0
ST GEORGE	0	5	1	0	1	-1
OLYMPIC	2	0	1	2	2	0
APIA	0	1	1	2	1	-1
ADELAIDE CITY	1	0	1	0	1	-1
NEWCASTLE	3	0	1	0	1	-2
FOOTSCRAY	0	5	2	2	3	-1
CANBERRA	0	0	1	1	1	0
BRISBANE CITY	0	1	1	0	0	-1



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STATE REPORT

ARNCLIFFE

Although there has been no substantial sponsorship deal, Arncliffe have secured a small support from the local Suttons Holden dealer for promotions this year.

"They were unwilling to get behind the team financially, but did provide the club with a new Commodore car which we will use for fund-raising," said Secretary David Dorian this week.

"The home match against Sutherland is going to be the first time we use the car, presenting it to the public in an attempt to draw a few more people to the game to see how they can possibly win it," Dave added.

"Apart from the car, we have also arranged a fair bit of pre-match entertainment for our supporters."

"The pipe and drum band will again grace the field, and there will also be a marching demonstration by the State's top marching girls from Cronulla RSL."

"There will also be something for the kids, as usual."

"This time it will be trampoline coaching, where the children will be given free lessons under the guidance of an expert."

"As we mentioned early this year, we are going to aim at the children as well as the parents, this being the International Year of the Child," Dave added.

AUBURN

"Our injury problems are still continuing, and every time we think that the list may one day be blank, it suddenly fills up again."

Auburn's Secretary Derek Bedwell said this week that the latest addition to the list was their talented goalkeeper Ron Gisbourne.

"Ron hurt his shoulder against Monaro the other week, but it wasn't really serious."

"Then in the Philips Cup match against Sydney City he really put it out of action."

"Still, we have an able back-up keeper in young David Bowman, the son of our club president Ron, who is in Europe at present."

"David is a talented young lad, and at 17 has tons of courage and confidence."

"His one big deficiency though, is a lack of experience, and hopefully he will get more of that to mould him into a top class goalie," Derek said.

"Apart from our defence, the other big blow to the team was the news from Gary Quested that he would have to retire permanently from the game."

"We had great hopes for Gary, after he rested his leg for a year and decided to give the game one more chance."

"However, his leg injury couldn't stand up to the training, and it gave way last week," Derek said.

"His loss at 26 is a loss not only to Auburn, but also to the game as on his day he was one of the best wingers in the State League if not the country," he added.

AVALA

Another good win by Avala last week enabled them to climb even higher up the table as most of the other teams drew their games.

Avala PR man Ken Gavrilovic said last week that the team is now playing as the officials and spectators wanted, and even though the loss of John Doyle to Marrickville Olympic was a big blow, the midfield has remained cohesive and effective.

The success of the team on the field is leading the way for the club to become secure off the field.

The club house project is well under way, and hopefully construction will start quite soon.

Avala's ground Ireland Bridge is the focal point of the development, with the club aiming to

build the club house quite close to the ground.

Spectators will then be encouraged to patronise the club after matches to further develop the club spirit and atmosphere.

The administrative side of the club has improved dramatically this year, and according to Ken Gavrilovic this is part of the reason for the team's improvement.

"Previously, for about two years we struggled to get a satisfactory set up in the club."

"But now we have a group of keen and dedicated officials who are laying the foundations for Avala for years to come," Ken said.

BANKSTOWN

"Roger Bamforth has begun a series of team meetings with a difference to try and weld the side close together," says Bankstown's PR man Stan Peck.

"We have had at least six additions to the team this year, and this has made a big change to the style of the team."

"We have one half playing like the team of 1978 and the other playing to the various styles they were accustomed to," Stan said.

"Roger felt that we had to create a better team spirit, so he arranged for an early Saturday morning training session."

"After the training we then arrange breakfast for the players, where they can discuss the team's problems, and put their views forward."

"We hope that this will have some effect on our type of play," he added.

"Our more established players such as Denis Daley and Greg Lynch will be given a chance to express their opinions about the team, but the newcomers can also have their say."

"From what we have heard on the grapevine, several other clubs could also do well to emulate this, as without team spirit and understanding, ball skills and tactics mean nothing."

"We are confident that the team will continue on its way to improvement, and that with our rise in standard we will pick up many more points," Stan added.

CROATIA

"It was like playing against a human wall, as APIA threw up a seemingly impregnable defence last week," says Croatia official Peter Lukunic.

"We didn't play all that badly, it was just that we became frustrated and threw too many players forward, leaving ourselves wide open for the counter-attack."

"APIA took their few chances well and scored, but the defeat, apart from our pride suffering a dent, will probably not have too many repercussions," he said.

"Good news last week was from Bruno Cagalj who told the club that he had decided to remain with Croatia after he had talks with Marconi."

"It seems that conditions were not to his liking at Marconi and he decided to stay put."

"Also Nick Feoghy will soon be with us again."

The talented Englishmen was with Croatia a few times before, playing here once the English season finished, and adding a lot of valuable experience and skill to the side.

"He should be here early in May, and from talks he has had with club president Tony Basic, it is believed that his arrival should be sometime between May 5 and 12."

"To help Atti Abonyi in his task as team coach the club has purchased a video system and will tape all our matches from now on."

"This will enable Atti to study our games and pick up any weaknesses which may need rectifying," he added.



Goalmouth action from the 1978 to four clash between Melita and Auburn; a game repeated this Sunday at Mona Park.

GRANVILLE

"It was a real disaster," said Granville's coach Bob Wall this week after the loss to Avala.

"The performance wasn't the disaster, though," he said, "but the result was in my opinion a travesty of justice."

"We had at least 75% of the play and created enough chances to win several matches, but we just couldn't put the ball away."

"Avala defended solidly and broke effectively, scoring from an early penalty and then came a second half killer goal," Bob added.

"We all expected a close match, but we thought that we had the chance to beat Avala."

"After all, our spirits were high after the defeat of Melita, and we had played well enough in that game."

"But frustration set in and instead of settling down and drawing the Avala defence wide, we tried to force our way through the middle."

"Nobody at the club has been able to single out the reason for our amazing ups and downs."

"We play well against the top sides, then slump to astonishing defeats at the hands of weaker sides."

"I just hope the trend continues this week, for we take on Croatia this Sunday, and their scalp under our belts would be a fine achievement," Bob added.

KU-RING-GAI

"It's an old gripe, but one that still doesn't seem to get through to enough club officials."

So says Ku-ring-gai's experienced coach Frank Malone on the topic of grounds and their condition.

"Not enough clubs look after their playing surfaces well enough."

"OK, they may re-turf it, mark it each week, try to encourage grass growth, but the vital aspect of playing quality is nearly always overlooked," Frank said.

"Grounds need to be soft and well watered, as well as green."

"Too many pitches are like a shopping centre car park; rock hard, though well market out."

"It's impossible to expect anyone to play on those type of surfaces."

"Rock hard grounds encourage players to keep the ball in the air, and of course that discourages spectators."

"A lot of people say that State League teams haven't got enough skill, and that we just use the ground situation as an excuse, but whenever a State team manages to play on a good surface, they can play some entertaining, bright soccer."

"I know that Ku-ring-gai's players always play 100 per cent better on a level, soft pitch, where they know the ball will go along the floor in a straight line without rearing up suddenly over a bump," Frank added.

MANLY

The Manly club has recently become concerned over the lack of understanding between referees and players as to what is

MELITA

"After a bit of a let down after the loss to Granville, the players were on Cloud No 9 after the Marconi victory," said Melita's coach Raul Blanco this week. "Apart from the victory, what impressed me was the reaction of our fans."

"They are truly an amazing group of people," Raul said.

"They happily invaded the pitch and chaired the players off, and whilst we don't condone pitch invasion, it was obvious that there was no anger present in any Melita fan."

"Our fans are tremendous vocally as well, and throughout the match their chants, visibly support the team," Raul added.

"The feeling amongst the team, and my own after the Granville game, was that the loss was due to a certain amount of inexplicable slackness."

"We do not underestimate anyone, and we knew that the match would be hard."

"However, several players had off days, and things just didn't go right for us."

"But, a team talk, and a couple of days to think about the game, and we were in the right frame of mind to take on Marconi."

"Most of our players are fairly young, and it becomes rather demoralising when they are penalised for one offence, then see opponents get away with similar incidents."

"We would just like the referees to clear up some points for us," he added.

"Apart from referees' rulings, another feature of the game which concerns us is the proliferation of clubs in various districts."

"Bankstown's Stan Peck raised this point a few weeks ago in 'State Report', and we would support his stand, amending it to include a 'League' type area zoning."

"By this I mean that it makes no sense at all to have a duplication of clubs in various areas, all struggling to draw 500 or so people, when they could merge and draw a respectable crowd of over 1500."

"The Federation should start thinking about an overhauling of the set-up, to restrict the number of clubs from any one area, as well as restructuring the whole Federation," he added.

"Teams like Juventus and Croatia Deaken have reasonable crowds, but unfortunately they compete against us on Sundays."

"Arguments that we produce better class soccer don't always win fans, so we have to give them the opportunity to come and see us and then make the choice on the weekend."

"We are confident that we will pick up many more points as well as fans this season," Wendy York said.

"Our playing staff suffered a few setbacks, with the loss of players like Flavia De Paoli."

"However, with acquisitions such as Chris O'Neil, we should be ready to improve."

"Chris has been improving from week to week, and is in the running for our 'Player of the Year' competition, as he had been turning in consistently good showings in the back line," Wendy York said.

"The match was very physical and hard, and although we led for most of the game we went down at the end under heavy pressure," Lionel Brown echo the opinions of most club officials whose teams have played there."

"I am not usually one to complain about referees, but the time has come when something must be done about the Queanbeyan situation."

"Marrickville are not the first club to complain about the standard of refereeing in Queanbeyan, but it would be fair to say that the sentiments of Lionel Brown echo the opinions of most club officials whose teams have played there."

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"The Seven Hills Juniors Soccer Club is having additional lighting put on their grounds, which are next-to-the Gabbie Stadium."

"Once the lights are up that will increase the area available to our first team."

"There is another training and playing area attached to the ground, but at present that is being re-turfed by the council and will only be ready at the end of the year," he said.

"The benefits of the sports complex surrounding the Gabbie Stadium are now becoming apparent, for although we must use alternate facilities for training, we can still use our own dressing rooms and showers," he added.

"All these men give up their free time to help the club, and we save about \$1000 per season because of their efforts."

"They are the foundations upon which the club is built and without their efforts there wouldn't be a Yugal today," Mike said.

"As a part of Yugoslav community's campaign to raise funds for the victims of the recent earthquake, we organised a match last week between a Yugoslav select and the Australian team."

"The Yugoslav community was made well aware of this, but if anyone else would like to help they can deposit their donations at any branch of the National or Commonwealth Banks," Mike added.

"Also, at all of our home games there will be collections for the fund," he said.

"In the past we have always failed at the last post to raise enough money to convince local and State governments that we had a going concern."

"Now, hopefully, with Caltex's backing, we will be able to approach these bodies with confidence," he said.

"This sponsorship with Caltex will in no way detract from our relationship with 'The Voice,' the newspaper which is also backing Sutherland this year."

"Publisher-editor Frank Dowling has been a great help this year, and we are proud of our association with the paper, whose name we bear on our playing strip," Laurie added.

TOONGABBIE

Toongabbie is another State League club which will hold a coaching clinic for youngsters during the May holiday break.

"Our first team coach Mick Jones will head a team of four top coaches," said secretary Peter Thorn this week.

"The course will run for five days, May 7 to 12, and will be held at the Gabbie Soccer Stadium."

"The courses will be for lads seven years upwards, with morning sessions for the younger boys, and afternoon periods for the older lads," Peter said.

"Anyone interested should contact Mick Jones on 624-3344, and they will be able to find out exact times, cost and son on."

"With regard to our training facilities for the first team, the situation will hopefully improve within about three weeks," said Peter.

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YUGAL

"Every home match at Concord Oval is a real team effort," says Yugal secretary Mike Alagich.

"There is a whole team

STATE LEAGUE

CROATIA v SUTHERLAND 1-1 (0-0)

This was one of the tightest games of the season. Both teams failed to control the match, and the big crowd was treated to a game of fluctuating fortunes. Both defences played well, with Peter Mullen of Croatia and Keith Schumann of Sutherland outstanding. The first half was even, with too few shots at goal. Afterwards the game hotted up. Hall had a shot tipped around the post by Watson, whilst Mullen missed from five metres with the simplest of chances. With 20 minutes remaining, Kovacic sent to Sullivan whose shot was stopped by Craggs but Abonyi nipped in for a goal.

— S. Mutimer

MANLY v ARNCLIFFE 1-1 (0-0)

Manly was unlucky not to have won this generally scrappy game, though its midfield tended to let down the forwards who, headed by Chapman, created more real chances than Arncliffe. Manly's more attacking display paid off in the 48th minute when Stuart crossed for Chapman to drive the ball into the net. Gaining confidence from the lead, Manly threw itself into attack, with Arncliffe looking certain to drop more goals. However, the Scots struck back in the 68th minute with a shock equaliser by Tracey, who used his unfavored right foot to volley the goal. Manly's bad luck continued when Arncliffe

— G. Bushford

AVALA v GRANVILLE 2-0 (1-0)

A sparkling first half display by Avala paved the way for their win. Their forwards spread themselves across the ground, stretching the Granville defence to the limit and allowing Djuricic to weave a magic pattern down the middle. And it was Djuricic who was brought down, enabling Patterson to score from the penalty spot in the 20th minute. Williams in midfield gave a polished display until his condition ran out and this allowed Granville back into the match. They stormed the Avala goal without getting any worthwhile shots away. This commitment to attack left a huge gap for Alan Griffith to break

— A. Henderson

YUGAL v AUBURN 0-1 (0-1)

A 43rd minute goal sufficed to give Auburn two points in a close match with Yugal at Concord Oval. The goal came following a perfect corner kick by Willie Hamilton and Steve Montgomery was able to head the ball into the net. The match developed into a tense defensive struggle with Auburn outstanding in holding Yugal. Frequent attacks by the home team floundered as they came up against a virtual brick wall. Ron Cornett, Gary Fairclough, John McDonald and Bobby Hogg were always there to frustrate an eager but unpenetrating Yugal attack. Hogg was the outstanding player on the day, and Hamilton also spread out in midfield. The Auburn attack had its difficulties also, as Yugal had fine

— E. De Mesquita

KU-RING-GAI v TOONGABBIE 1-1 (1-1)

Ku-ring-gai made a big improvement from their last outing to be well worth their draw with Toongabbie. They were a trifle unlucky not to take both points, missing narrowly with a number of scoring chances. Early attacks came from both ends, with Ku-ring-gai's Steve Ellis outstanding, saving shots from Ric Hormazabal and Alan Fisher in quick succession. Bruce James at the other end made fine saves from Graham Firrell and Jim Herron. Ku-ring-gai went ahead in the 75th minute when Firrell headed in a David Hammond corner. One minute before halftime Hormazabal put Fisher through to score the equaliser for

— G. Streeter

MONARO v MV OLYMPIC 4-2 (0-1)

Five minutes after the start Marrickville's experienced star John Doyle grabbed the lead for the visitors following some spirited Monaro moves. For the rest of the first half Olympic's fine midfielders enabled them to dominate the game, with Brown, Ramisch and Thamidis pressuring the Monaro defence. A tremendous second half revival once again saw Monaro come from behind, mainly due to the exciting Valeri-Giampaoli combination. The 51st minute, after interpassing between Bourke and Trojanski, saw Valeri smash home a powerful drive, and five minutes later Giampaoli paved the way for another Valeri goal. Another fine individual effort and a converted penalty by Valeri capped a truly brilliant

— W. York

MELITA v BANKSTOWN 1-1 (1-0)

Bankstown, reduced to 10 men for most of the game, played well to hold Melita Eagles. Right from the start, Bankstown were determined to upset the ball playing Eagles with some very hard tackling. John Lee had a top game in midfield for Bankstown with good support from Derek Mason and Chris Rootsey. They seemed to lift their game higher once Paul Thompson was sent off in the 35th minute. Another player to have a great game was goalkeeper Terry Greedy who really turned on a tremendous display with several fine saves to keep Melita out. Yet, the Eagles still managed to have the bigger share of

— C. Spiteri

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

Avala v Granville	2-0	1-0	1-3
Monaro v Mt Olympia	4-2	1-1	—
Manly v Arncliffe	1-1	0-0	2-0
K'gai v Toongabbie	1-1	2-3	0-1
Croatia v Sutherland	1-1	0-2	4-1
Melita v Bankstown	1-1	1-1	2-2
Yugal v Auburn	0-1	0-7	0-7
Avala v Yugal	2-2	—	—

ANZAC DAY RESULTS

DIVISION 1			
Blacktown v Nepean	3-5	1-3	2-4
APIA v Uni NSW	2-1	1-1	4-0
Belmore v Revesby	1-4	2-1	1-0
Syd Olymp v W'gong	2-3	2-3	2-3
Warringah v St George	0-4	1-1	0-7
NSI-Inter v Marconi	1-0	2-1	1-2
Syd City v Queens Pk	4-0	3-0	1-0

DIVISION 2

DIVISION 2			
Dee Why v Glad Rav	2-2	1-3	0-0
Yagoona v Marrickville	1-3	4-3	2-0
Lane Cove v Baulk Hills	1-2	2-4	2-1
West Ryde v Glad-Horn	0-7	1-4	—
Bathurst v Pt Hackin	6-1	0-5	1-1
Guildford v Lethbridge	2-3	1-0	1-2

DIVISION 3

DIVISION 3			
Artarmon v West Dist	4-1	3-1	—
Camp'town v N Banks	4-1	1-0	—
Kingsford v Riverstone	2-2	1-3	—
Hurstville v Bondi	1-1	2-2	—
Wentv v Ashcroft	1-1	2-4	—
Bonnyrigg v Syd Uni	0-2	3-1	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

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Queens Pk v Belmore	1-3	0-5	3-6
Marconi v Nepean	1-4	4-4	3-1
Blacktown v Syd City	4-2	2-1	4-2
Polonia v APIA	5-2	1-3	0-2
NSI-Inter v Syd Olymp	2-0	1-0	0-0
St George v Uni NSW	3-1	2-1	8-0
W'gong v Revesby	1-0	1-2	1-2

DIVISION 4

DIVISION 4			
Nth Rocks v Eastwood	1-1	1-1	—
Maroubra v Fairfield	1-7	1-2	—
Padstow v Hol Rnrs	3-1	5-0	—
Ply Dist v Camp'town	1-3	2-2	—
N Banks v Kingsford	0-3	5-0	—
Ashcroft v Hurstville	2-0	1-3	—
Syd Uni v Wenty	1-3	2-2	—

DIVISION 5

DIVISION 5			
Syd Macbabi v H'bury	2-1	3-1	—
Pagewood v Auburn Jnrs	1-2	1-2	—
Macq Uni v Camden	1-3	4-2	—
Concordia v F'ield W	0-1	1-0	—
Edensor Pk v H'field	2-1	0-2	(Ab)
Green Valley v Mt Prit	1-5	1-2	—
Moorebank v Bankstown	3-0	5-1	—
Sth Sydney v Winston Hills	1-5	3-5	—
Lakemba v L'pool Utd	0-2	3-2	—
Greystanes v L'pool City	2-4	0-0	—
Blacktown v Chullora	(Referee did not turn up)	—	—

DIVISION 6

DIVISION 6			
Under 14: APIA 5, Guildford 1; Toongabbie 3, Granville 1; Belmore 3, Polonia 3; Baulkham Hills 3, Auburn 1; Marconi 6, Sydney City 0; Arncliffe Scots 2, Lethbridge 1; Sydney Olympic 2, Melita 0; Bankstown bye.	—	—	—
Under 15: APIA 2, Guildford 0; Toongabbie 3, Granville 1; Polonia 2, Belmore 0; Auburn 7, Baulkham Hills 1; Sydney City 1, Marconi 0; Lethbridge Park 3, Arncliffe Scots 3; Sydney Olympic 1, Melita 1; Bankstown bye.	—	—	—
Under 16: APIA 3, Guildford 0; Toongabbie 5, Granville 1; Belmore 6, Polonia 1; Auburn 1, Baulkham Hills 1; Marconi 0, Sydney City 0; Lethbridge Park 3, Arncliffe Scots 0; Sydney Olympic 5, Melita 1; Bankstown bye.	—	—	—
Under 17: APIA 4, Guildford 1; Toongabbie 6, Granville 1; Belmore 7, Polonia 1; Auburn 8, Baulkham Hills 1; Marconi 1, Sydney City 1, Marconi 0; Lethbridge Park 4, Arncliffe Scots 1; Sydney Olympic 4, Melita 1; Bankstown bye.	—	—	—

ROUND 4

ARNCLIFFE READY FOR SPECIAL DAY

— By Keith Gilmour —

Enterprise is the name of the game for Arncliffe Scots as they prepare for another big day and colorful promotion at Hurstville Oval — this time against neighboring rivals Sutherland.

This Sunday Marrickville Olympic and Yugal should provide a close encounter at Arlington.

Granville's ability to defend and use the counter-punch will make Arncliffe's Croatia somewhat wary for the Garside Park encounter.

There is ample drive in Granville, with John Forward, Billy Fraser and Bruce Waldon linking in the attacks.

Avala has climbed the ladder in no mean fashion, with Zoran Djuricic providing more than his share of skills.

On paper they could handle Bankstown, but when you realise that the latter were good enough to hold Melita last week with only ten men, a query certainly arises.

Auburn-Melita at Mona Park may get the rating as the match of the round.

Bobby Hogg's men have an eye on the final four, and Melita might be proved a little brittle in front of goal.

At Parklands Oval only one point separates Ku-ring-gai and Monaro.

The country boys have a ton of ability, although Giampaolo has not shown the scoring ability that he has been credited with.

If Ku-ring-gai come out of this one with a home point they are on their way to a reasonably successful first year in the League.

METHOD IS SECRET OF NOVOCASTRIANS

— By Keith Gilmour —

A while ago Newcastle players were being told that they were the paupers of the Philips League.

With the club's incentive system and recent top crowds, the tide has turned.

ADELAIDE

From Vic Migliaccio

Adelaide City manager-coach Rale Rasic, who only arrived in Adelaide four months ago, has emerged as a top personality and a popular figure not only in soccer circles but in all walks of life. His many radio and TV appearances and numerous newspaper reports are reaching public beyond those interested in soccer. He is the Billy Graham of soccer in Adelaide. Starting soon, we will see Rasic featured on Channel 9's super cartoon show on a regular basis, conducting coaching segments for youngsters.

E. D. Azzurri, the only SA League club left in the Philips Cup, are hoping to play Para-Hills at their Adey Reserve ground on May 12, for their second home match for the season. For the past two months a major project on improving their home ground facilities has been underway. Azzurri made use of Campbelltown's ground for their opening match against Cumberland on April 21. The project will cost the club about \$80,000 and it comprises new change rooms, canteen and other facilities to make Adey Reserve one of the best grounds of a Rothmans club in Adelaide. Over \$5000 has been spent on improving the playing turf.

COACHES

Last week the SA Coaches Association held its presentation night at the Adelaide City clubrooms. All candidates who were successful at preliminary and senior courses were presented with badges. Among the successful candidates to receive ASF badges were Johnny Perin and Peter Boyle. Guests for the occasion were SASF president Dr Arthur Zaikos, ex-SASF president Alex Hasting, SASF board member Alex Kosmina, Adelaide City coach Rale Rasic, Adelaide City president Charlie Caruso, West Torrens trainer Rick Maronitis and the Press. SA coaching director Mike Wells conducted the evening in a grand manner. The SASCA will hold their next meeting on Friday, May 4, at 8.30pm at the Adelaide City clubrooms. Guest speaker is Rale Rasic.

P. Cumferford
Closely 2031

LETTERS

I'm an Aussie who doesn't follow any particular club — I just love soccer.

On Sunday week I went to see APIA v Heidelberg; a very good, entertaining game. I was going to barrack for APIA in future because I had heard that they needed supporters.

Upon going to where I usually sit (as do many others) I was grabbed by the arm and asked if I supported APIA.

"I do," I replied.

"I've never seen you before," said the interrogator. "You can't sit in this area, it's reserved for APIA supporters."

"But I'm an APIA supporter," I said.

"You're not even Italian," was the reply. "Go to the other side."

They had a goon squad to keep out aliens. And the match program said they wanted to attract supporters.

APIA played beautifully as did Heidelberg and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the game.

But as for APIA needing supporters?

The over 18,000 attendance was worth \$140 per player in crowd incentive alone!

Newcastle United operates without the benefit of the licensed club which backs up other NSW clubs.

They gain other funds from their supporters shop, competitions, and the \$35,000 KB sponsorship.

The entire organisation is an efficiently run sports business.

The nine-man board is led by Harley Dixon, with members from

both the soccer game and outside businessmen.

The playing management is led by Alan Vest and trainer Frank Campbell.

David Ford of NBN3 heads a ten-man Promotion Committee, with press and radio all represented.

There is also the Marketing and Development Office, Ground Facilities committee, Supporters Club, and the Financial Advisory Board.

Is there any wonder that they are succeeding?



Ray Baartz, one of the architects of Newcastle United, on his return from one of his overseas tours 10 years ago.

with Eddie Krnacevic

Eddie Krnacevic, Marconi's recent signing from Melbourne State League club Essendon Croatia, knocked back something like \$50,000 so he could be available for selection in the National team.

The offer was made to him by leading American club, Seattle Sounders.

Eddie was at the time touring the States with the Australian Schoolboys side.

"It was a very tempting offer," said the 19-year-old Eddie.

"Both Rudi Gutendorf and Bobby McLachlan, the Schoolboy coach, told me my future lies in Australia, so I knocked back the offer."

It is a good thing for Marconi Eddie did not sign a contract with the Sounders.

His form since moving interstate has been first class and he is slowly forming an exciting partnership with Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne.

"At the moment Mark and I are interchanging positions up front," he said.

"One minute I could be on the right flank, and the next in the centre. Those tactics really upset opposing defences."

Eddie feels the absence of midfielder Roberto Vieri was behind the side's abysmal start to the season.

"We desperately need his play making skills," he said.

Eddie started playing soccer in Geelong when he was five.

When he was about nine, his family moved to the "big smoke" and he joined the old Melbourne Croatia club.

But in 1972, Melbourne Croatia were booted out of the Federation and at 12 years of age Eddie joined Juventus.

After four years with the Italian backed club, Eddie rejoined



Croatia, which was now known as Essendon Croatia.

Following Croatia's signing of striker George McMillan, Eddie was forced to spend a couple of years on the bench and he was getting thoroughly cheesed off with the club.

"I was thinking of asking for a transfer when George McMillan was transferred to Slavia."

But after a couple of first team appearances, Eddie broke a leg and was sidelined for 10 weeks.

Incidentally, the Schoolboys tour of the US was Eddie's comeback appearance.

After spending many mornings training with a school mate, Eddie was soon back in first grade and helping his team making a clean sweep of the Victorian State league titles.

During the off season he transferred to Marconi and he is hoping his "winning" form continues with the Fairfielders.

— S. Mutimer

NSW TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	5	2	—	14	6	17
Sutherland	3	3	1	15	8	10
Avala	4	1	2	10	8	9
Melita	2	4	1	14	5	8
Monaro	3	2	2	16	12	8
Toongabbie	2	4	1	11	8	8
Auburn	2	3	2	14	14	7
Ku-ring-gai	2	2	2	7	12	6
Granville	3	—	4	13	15	5
Mv. Olympic	2	1	4	13	15	5
Bankstown	1	3	3	7	9	5
Yugal	2	1	4	9	13	4
Arndcliffe	1	2	3	4	8	4
Manly	1	2	4	5	10	6

GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	5	1	1	12	3	11
Arndcliffe	3	4	1	10	4	10
Manly	4	2	1	10	4	10
Bankstown	4	2	1	12	7	10
Auburn	4	—	3	13	8	9
Granville	3	2	2	16	8	8
Mv. Olympic	3	2	2	12	11	8
Croatia	3	1	3	5	7	7
Toongabbie	2	2	2	9	10	6
Avala	2	1	3	6	8	5
Melita	1	3	3	7	11	5
Ku-ring-gai	1	2	4	9	14	4
Monaro	1	2	4	3	10	4
Yugal	1	—	6	2	22	—

GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	6	—	—	35	2	12
Granville	4	1	1	17	7	9
Auburn	4	1	1	14	4	9
Sutherland	4	1	1	14	6	9
Toongabbie	4	1	2	12	7	9
Ku-ring-gai	3	2	2	16	5	8
Bankstown	2	3	1	9	10	7
Arndcliffe	3	1	3	9	11	7
Croatia	1	1	4	8	14	3
Nepean	—	3	4	7	20	2
Yugal	—	2	4	2	21	2
Mv. Olympic	—	1	5	3	26	1
Avala	—	1	5	8	22	1

DIVISION 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wollongong	6	2	—	17	9	14
St. George	6	1	1	24	8	13
Polonia	5	2	1	22	11	12
Nepean	6	—	3	25	18	12
Revesby	4	1	4	18	13	9
Sydney City	4	1	3	15	12	9
North Sydney	3	3	2	8	7	9
APIA	4	1	2	14	12	9
Belmore	3	3	2	11	11	9
Uni. NSW	3	2	4	15	15	8
Olympic	2	3	3	13	14	7
Warringah	2	1	5	12	20	4
Blacktown	1	2	6	9	20	4
Queens Park	1	2	6	9	23	4
Marconi	—	8	—	8	26	1

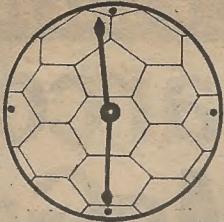
DIVISION 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P

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2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



Canley Heights (Div. 5) played at home against West St. George to win 2-1. Being down 0-1 at halftime after a very even first half the Heights fullback Benio Pacchetti's persistence paid off with a fine goal. The deciding goal of the match came from Robbie Dalcol from the penalty spot.

Lethbridge Rangers (Div. 2) played three grades without one goal against in their matches against Bathurst '75. Bathurst attacked well early in the main grade match but the halftime score stood at 0-0. Lethbridge gradually reversed the challenge to score in the 75th minute with a good 18-metre shot by Danny Chalmers, followed by a second goal in the 90th minute by Mick Boyd.

Maccabi (Div. 5) travelled to North Richmond to play Hawkesbury and brought home the four points. First grade goal scorers were Geoff Toffler from the penalty spot and Mick Swivel with a well taken through ball from 20 metres. Second grade recorded their 16th win in succession with Paul Szwedlow scoring two and Ron Lilling one, both in the second half.

Gladesville-Hornsby (Div. 2) has set a record for the season by being the last Federation club to have a goal scored against. The club's first grade only beat the club's third grade for the record by 90 minutes. This is a tribute to the club's goalkeeping squad of Craig Allen, Kevin Farrer and Peter Hill, ably coached by Tony Farrer twice a week.

Mt. Pritchard (Div. 6) notched their second win last weekend against Green Valley. Goal scorers were Andrew Davis with a hat-trick, Bosc Boskognegovic (1) and Darryl Smith (1). Reserve grade gained their first two points on the day with a 2-1 result.

Macquarie University (Div. 5) suffered a 1-3 loss to Camden at home, giving Camden their first points of the season. The lone scorer for Uni was Graham Mulligan with a header. One bright note: Dave Pilkington scored four goals in reserve grade to lift his team from a 0-2 deficit to a 4-2 victory. Ralph Donaldson, promoted last week into first grade, suffered a severe ankle injury. Ralph is due to marry Kerry this Wednesday but could very well be walking down the aisle on crutches.

Dee Why (Div. 2) took their third loss this season against Yagoona. Having most of the possession the team failed to score with the added disability of three first graders out injured. Second grade fared better with a 4-1 win. Stewart Robinson opened with a 15-metre shot with Peter Frith following in the 40th minute. Mick Malena also scored as did Ian Strudwick. Ian also scored twice with Peter Noble to make a 3-0 win for third grade.

Baulkham Hills (Div. 2) played at home against Guildford County last weekend. Guildford narrowly missed taking home the two points and had to be satisfied with one point from a 3-3 draw. Harry Gough scored twice for the Hills, with Steve Davidson once. The County scorers were J. Christie, Robert Tait and Stephen Moss.

Bonnyrigg Eagles (Div. 3) met Sydney Uni. on Anzac Day and sent the visiting team home with two points after losing 0-2. The Uni. goals were scored by Mick Halliday. Last Saturday, however, the Eagles were able to perform better in their match against Riverstone-Schofield with a 4-1 win. Goal scorers were Michael Tooma from a direct freekick, Martin Bazi (2) and Tony Oshana (1). Many other scoring chances were wildly missed by both sides.

North Rocks (Div. 4) managed their first point for the season with a 1-1 draw against Eastwood St. Andrews. Considering that there were many players out of the side and that the reserve 'keeper was in goals, North Rocks feel that the side is at last able to put its game together and more points are soon to come.

North Bankstown (Div. 3), the division leaders, played two matches last week and finished winners in one only. At Campbelltown the Norths went down 1-4 with goals from Campbelltown being scored by Malcolm Dory and a hat-trick by Tommy Stein. At home Bankstown notched a win against Kingsford by scoring the only goal of the match. In this game the Kingsford side was somewhat handicapped by injuries with four second graders in the side.

Kingsford (Div. 3) have signed a new goalkeeper, Tony Maglis, an ex-Pan Hellenic player. Tony played his first game for his new club against Riverstone in which his side won 3-2. Goals for Kingsford were scored by Sandy Hopkins, John Rutherford and Dave Johnston.

Padstow Park (Div. 4) is pushing towards the top spot by adding two more points last week when they defeated Holroyd Rangers 3-1. The game was very much a physical one with the Padstow goals from Brian Beavan (2) and Steve Grieve (1).

Campbelltown City (Div. 3) was the only totally successful club in the third division last week, collecting full points from two games played. Against North Bankstown, Campbelltown won 4-1 and against Ryde District the side finished 2-0 winners. The goals for the City were scored by Michael Durrington and Ray King with the first goal coming in the first minute.

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CLUB PATROL

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A former coach of Pan Hellenic, Juventus Adelaide and Brisbane Azzurri, RALPH SUCHANEK, now living and working in Papua New Guinea, is eager to return to Australia as a club manager. Ralph at present is working as a hotel manager, but has coached in Austria, Germany, Greece, Iran and Malaysia, and holds a certificate from the Sports University of Cologne. Anyone interested in his offer should contact him at: Wabag Lodge, P.O. Box 2, Wabag, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea.

was a case of getting used to the track for Anzac Day's clash with Newcastle United in the Philips Cup at the same venue.

Manly are sad about the impending loss of one of their popular second graders COLM DORAN. Colm has been with the club for two years, after being posted to Australia by his English company. Now he is being transferred back home, and his last match will be the one against Toongabbie. Colm was a vital part of the Manly second grade's championship win last year.

Bankstown's first team manager NEIL INNES returned from his trip to the U.K. with a pronounced limp, the result of a fall in which he aggravated an old knee injury.

Marrickville Olympic officials are raving about the performances of young JOEY RAMAGE, their 20-year-old winger who has been scoring goals regularly for the first team.

Granville are still without the services of KEVIN LACKEY who is out with a knee injury. Kevin injured his leg earlier this year when he returned from his honeymoon, then after resuming training, injured himself in his comeback match after only 20 minutes.

Two Arncliffe players DAVE BAKER and DAVE BUTLER have been released from their contracts with the club. Neither player has been able to fulfil his commitments with the club, and so a cordial parting of the ways was decided upon.

DUNLOP FOOTWEAR have so far signed up as special representatives Ken Boden, Martyn Crook, Vic Bozanic, Peter Boyle, Joe Piccione and Phil O'Connor with others such as Summerscales, Kondaros, Cole, Selemidis, S. O'Connor and Brennan most likely to follow soon. All are outfitted with top-class Dunlop gear, receive a fat fee and access to buy more goods at special discount rates.

The imaginatively named Across the Waves Soccer Club, Bundaberg's Queensland State League representatives, have team and coach trouble. Derek Mann dipped out as coach, and key defender Derek Dolan wants to leave because he has not found a job in town. The club management need to sign a couple of experienced hands to strengthen their very young squad.

The popularity of Newcastle's International Sports Centre as a soccer venue took another step forward last Saturday week, when the Weston Bears and Edgeworth Eagles met in a Newcastle premiership match. For Edgeworth it

NORTH NSW EXPANDING

Northern NSW are certain to follow Queensland into a widespread State League if their May tour of the North Coast and Tablelands is a success.

Last year Twin Towns (Tweed Heads), Coffs Harbour and Tamworth City were all ready to play State League.

Already Lismore, Grafton and Armidale are also pressing for positions.

The Queensland country clubs have proved the best drawing teams in the new Queensland State League, which includes Across the Waves (Bundaberg), Frenchville (Rockhampton), Townsville, Kern United and Mareeba.

Mt Isa, Mackay and Cairns are now looking for places.

The NNSW under-16 team will also tour and play early matches, which will give youngsters in the towns involved the chance to win positions for the State in the National Youth Championships.

Tour games are: Sat., May 5, Tamworth; Sun., 6, Armidale; Tues., 8, Lismore (floodlit); Thurs., 10 Tweed Heads (floodlit); Sat., 12, Grafton; Sun., 13, Coffs Harbour.

And in 1980 there will be widespread State Cup to include leading clubs from throughout the entire north of NSW.

K. Gilmore

Arncliffe Scots' regular first team goalkeeper NORM ROGERS is on holidays at present, so his back-up man, BRUCE CUNEO has the chance to make a name for himself in his place.

Some good news at Toongabbie is that their 1978 first grade goalkeeper PETER FREEMAN, who underwent a cartilage operation at Christmas, is firmly on the comeback trail. Peter played in third grade last week, and coach MICK JONES wants him to play more games in the lower grades before he is included in the first team squad.

Avala midfielder NEIL WILLIAMS celebrated his 21st birthday last Sunday. Neil, who is Welsh by birth, has been playing very well for Avala, and seems to be combining with John Doyle to form an effective midfield combination.

First division's Blacktown United will be without its talented defender, Richard Hoff, for six weeks. The 23-year-old right back tore the medial ligaments in his left knee following a collision with a Sydney Olympic opponent two weeks ago. His replacement Ray Eldridge made his first grade debut last week against North Sydney. In three games the Town have collected one point and have conceded six goals. But despite the poor start, coach Chris James

assures there will be a big improvement. "The side is presently going through a transitional stage but once we are settled, I am sure we will be up amongst the leaders."

The Queensland Soccer Federation's press kit for their State League is the equal of the best produced throughout Australia this year. Contained in an attractive plastic binder with a transparent front, it provides the season's fixtures, club directories, player information and bulletins covering all club requirements and travel arrangements.

On Sunday night at 11 pm Radio 2EA will be broadcasting the big Greek encounter between Olympiakos and Panathinaikos direct from Athens.

NSW First Division club Queens Park and coach Mike Johnson parted company three weeks ago.

Nambucca Heads defeated Kempsey 1-0 in the recent final of the Nambucca Challenge Cup, which carried \$500 prizemoney. Competing were Woolgoolga, Westlawn (Coffs Harbour), Urunga, Sawtell, Coffs Harbour, as well as the finalists and Sydney club Ingleburn. Nambucca officials Nick Carter is adamant that soccer has a great future on the North Coast, and soon.



PEPSI STATE SOCCER

STATE LEAGUE, SUNDAY, MAY 6

Mv. Olympic v Yugal	Arlington
Arncliffe v Sutherland	Hurstville
Granville v Croatia	Garside
Bankstown v Avala	Soccer Centre
Auburn v Melita	Mona Park
Ku-ring-gai v Monaro	Parklands
Toongabbie v Marley	Gabbie Stadium

FIRST DIVISION, SATURDAY, MAY 5

Belmore v Polonia	Blick Oval
Sydney Olympic v Queens Park	Pratten Park

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Blacktown v Marconi	Francis
APIA v Sydney City	Lambert
Warringah v NS Inter	Graham
Nepean v St. George	Cook
Uni. of NSW v Wollongong	David Phillips

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE, SATURDAY, MAY 12

Monaro v Toongabbie	Marco Polo
Arncliffe v Granville	Hurstville
Croatia v Bankstown	To be decided

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Avala v Auburn	Knight Park
Melita v Mv. Olympic	Garside Park
Yugal v Ku-ring-gai	Concord Oval
Manly v Sutherland	Cromer Park

FIRST DIVISION, SATURDAY, MAY 12

St. George v Blacktown	Barton Stadium
Sydney City v Belmore	Wentworth
Revesby W. v Uni. NSW	Milperra

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Marconi v APIA	Marconi Stadium
Polonia v Sydney Olympic	Chopin Park
Queens Park v Warringah	Erskineville
Wollongong v Nepean	Berkeley

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WORLD NEWS



FOREST IN CUP FINAL

Nottingham Forest pulled off the "impossible": they beat FC Kolin 1-0 in their return semifinal match in Cologne to reach the final of the European Champions' Cup.

They will meet the Swedish Malmö FF in the final, to be played in Munich.

The finalists for the three EuroCups are:

Champions' Cup: Nottingham v Malmö.

Cupwinners' Cup: Barcelona v Dusseldorf.

UEFA Cup: Red Star v Mönchengladbach.

Last week's semifinal deals:

EUROPEAN Cup Winners' Cup

semifinal 2nd leg at Ostrava, Czechoslovakia: Bank Ostrava (Czech) 2 Fortuna Dusseldorf (West Germany) 1 (halftime 0-0).

Scorers, Banika Licka, Antalik, Fortuna: Zewe. Attendance: 33,000. Fortuna qualified for final 4-3 on aggregate. **At Beveren:**

Beveren (Belgium) 0, Barcelona (Spain) 1 (halftime 0-0).

Scorer, Hans Krankl (penalty). Attendance: 22,000. Barcelona qualified for final 2-0 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP in West Berlin:

Hertha Berlin (West Germany) 2, Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 1 (halftime 2-0).

Scorers, Hertha: Beer, Sidka, Red Star: Sestic. Attendance: 70,000. Aggregatescore 2-2. Red Star qualified for final on away-goal rule. Borussia Mönchengladbach v Duisburg 4-1. Borussia won on 6-3 aggregate.

EUROPEAN CUP at Malmö:

Malmö (Sweden) 1 Austria Wien (Austria) 0 (halftime 0-0).

Scorer, Tommy Hansson (48th min).

Attendance: 25,239. Malmö qualified for final 1-0 on aggregate.

At Cologne: FC Cologne (W Germ) 0 Nottingham Forest (England) 1 (halftime 0-0).

Scorer, Ian Bowyer (65th min).

Attendance: 60,000. Nottingham Forest qualified for final 4-3 on aggregate.

BRIBE — JAIL

Joanis Sidiropoulos, one of the officials of the Greek second division club Pyerikos-Katherini, has been imprisoned for six months on charges of attempted bribery of an opponent.

The club has been expelled from the second division and relegated into the amateur ranks and compelled to release, without transfer fee, all their professional and semi-professional players to others clubs.

The approached players reported the bribe offer but at the request of the police went along with the fraud and Sidiropoulos was arrested as he was actually handing over the money.

Muller's record certain to last

Gerd Muller and Bayern Munich have parted company after a 15-year association, with the player joining Fort Lauderdale Strikers. Things turned sour for the 33-year-old record-breaking striker and following a row with team-boss Csernai (who substituted Der Bomber for the first time ever, apart from when he was injured) Muller asked for his contract to be cancelled.

Gerd claimed he had no respect for his manager and placed the matter in the hands of his solicitors. Muller had already announced that he would leave Bayern at the end of the season, but wanted to leave sooner if possible... and has done.

Gerd Muller is arguably the most lethal striker of all time. In his 63 internationals he scored 68 goals, incredible when you realise they were scored against quality opposition as the Germans ruled world soccer.

There have been 34 clubs in the Bundesliga and Gerd has scored against 31 of them, totalling 365 goals in just over 400 matches. His favorite opponents are Hamburger SV — he's netted 27 times against Kevin Keegan's club.

Muller's League record will stand for years; the second top scorer is Jupp Heynckes with 220 goals, but he's retired and Klaus Fischer, in third place, has almost 200 goals, but he's 30 this year and won't beat Gerd's total.

England will play Sweden in Stockholm on June 10 in a friendly. Three days earlier the Swedes will meet Luxembourg in Malmö in a European Championship game.

Tiny Dutch club FC Twente have made about \$800,000 from the sale of three players this season — enough to keep them solvent for about five years. The players are Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen (both to Ipswich) and Piet Wildschut (to PSV).

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

Roger Vonlanthen, Switzerland's manager, has resigned because of constant press criticism and has been followed in the post by Leon Walker, former manager of the Swiss youth team.

Helmut Senekowitsch, former coach of Austria and now working in Mexico, is reported to be in line for the managerial job in Germany's FC Nürnberg.

Brazil's Flamengo has been unbeaten for 42 matches and now want to challenge Liverpool in a special game in Rio.

Arsenal's Irish defender Sammy Nelson was fined \$800 by his club for showing his bare bottom to fans who jeered him after scoring an own goal.

Before flying to Europe for their tour, Argentina beat Bulgaria 2-1 in Buenos Aires.

Romania beat Hungary 2-0 in an Olympic qualifying match played at Pitești. The Hungarians had seven full internationals in their team. The return match will be on May 20 at Diósgyőr.

Gigi Radice, coach of the Italian AC Torino, suffered serious injuries in a car smash; his wife and the driver of the car were both killed.

Barcelona took 1200 of their most ardent supporters in 30 special buses to Beveren, Belgium, for the team's Cupwinner's Cup semifinal return game — and all this gratis.

Hungary and Greece will play their European Championship match this week (Wed.) in Budapest.

Yugoslavia's Partizan Belgrade, one of the country's most popular clubs, is languishing at the bottom of the table. Recently for their home match they set up a unique "record": only 680 spectators turned up to see Partizan play Borac. Partizan are certain to sack their coach, Florijan Matekalo and replace him with Milutin Soskić though the fans would prefer to see the return of Ante Mladić.

Alberto Tarantini will leave Birmingham in the next few weeks and return to Argentina.

Former West German star striker Jupp Heynckes has been appointed the new coach of Borussia Mönchengladbach, replacing the resigned Udo Lattek.

Jesus Martinez, 31, for years Spain's top scorer, has received an offer to join Los Angeles Aztecs, managed by former Ajax and Barcelona maestro Rinus Michels.

Vannini, Perugia's star recently broke his leg against Inter Milan when he collided with Pedel. "It must have been purely accidental," said Vannini. "We're good friends; two days before the game we went to the cinema together."

Sir Stanley Rous, former FIFA president, celebrated his 84th birthday last week — Anzac Day.

On September 16, the USA national team will play a side selected from foreign stars now engaged by American clubs. How about this: Stepney, Marinho, Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto, Nordqvist, Neeskens, Cubillas, Gary Francis, Best, Gerd Muller, Chinaglia.

Harald Nickel has transferred from Eintracht Frankfurt to Mönchengladbach for \$500,000 — part of the cash the Gladbachers have collected for the sale of Alan Simonsen to Barcelona.

Meanwhile, Barcelona have dismissed their manager, former French star Lucien Muller; the new boss is likely to be Englishman Ron Allan. As a further step to restore the club's greatness, they want to sign the brilliant young Argentinian Diego Maradona and have offered \$1.8 million for him to his club, Argentinos Juniors in Buenos Aires.

Pele has separated from his wife and three children but they still live in New York while the former "king" spends most of his time in Brazil.

"It was only here in Hamburg that I became a real professional player," says Kevin Keegan. "In Liverpool we trained about four mornings. In Hamburg it's twice a day."

Nottingham's young striker Gary Birtles is the sensation of the English season. Two and a half years ago he was a carpenter and part-time player with Long Eaton United, earning \$8 a match before his transfer to Nottingham, for an absolute bargain of \$3,500.

Coventry and Southampton are both keen on Real Madrid's Danish central striker Jensen.

Bayern München will elect its new president this week to succeed Willy Neudecker who, following the players' revolt, recently resigned after a 16-year reign. The only candidate for the post is Wilhelm Hoffmann who has promised: "Bayern will be run differently from now on."

Juventus of Turin is looking for a top-class central striker. Among the candidates: Paolo Rossi, Antognoni, Pruzzo and Giordano.

Valencia's directors have decided against appointing the great Alfredo Di Stefano as their next manager and are likely to offer the post to Miguel Munoz — who was Di Stefano's team-mate and then coach with Real Madrid.

Bayern's dismissed coach Gyula Lorant isn't starving yet: His new club Schalke is paying him \$10,000 a month.

The Yugoslav international of Hamburg, Buljan, will quit at the end of the season and return to his native city Split where he will sign for Hajduk.

Franz Binder, son of the former brilliant star "Bimbo", is the new manager of the Austrian Rapid club.

The Austrian star, Gustl Starek, is nearing some sort of a European record: Over the seasons he has served 38 weeks of suspension. The known record is that of former Argentinian star Sivori, with Juventus, who missed 40 weeks through suspensions.

Irish manager Danny Blanchflower, former Tottenham great: "Football isn't about tactics but about techniques."

Journalists know more about soccer than coaches? For the third year running a team selected by Yugoslav sports writers has beaten the national team selected by its own manager — who also had first pick.

East German national team boss George Buschner has been demoted: He won't be in charge of the Olympic team which next year will try to defend the title they won under Buschner in Montreal in 1976.

Of the 92 English League clubs there is only one which isn't run by a board of directors but by a committee — Nottingham Forest.

The Dutch Ajax and the Belgian Anderlecht both have fulltime observers in Ireland watching several potential stars. Current targets of their attention are the Portadown duo of Willie Gordon and Jim Cleary.

PHILIPS CUP

Marconi out McGachey breaks leg

Marconi, West Adelaide and South Melbourne out of the running, Neil McGachey down with a broken leg, Eddie Spearritt sent off — these were some of the highlights of the first round in the 1979 Philips Cup.

tong equalised for Lions and the score was 1-1 at half-time.

White Eagles of Hobart, the Tasmanian champions, crashed 6-0 to Victorian State league team Preston.

Later at the same venue, Essendon beat Melbourne rivals St Kilda 4-0.

At Olympic Park, Footscray beat St George 2-1 and Heidelberg United beat South Melbourne 2-1.

Ipswich led 1-0 at half-time, and increased it to 3-0 through an own goal by Les Owens and a great snap shot seconds later by striker Carl Gilder.

St Kilda's forwards were virtually non-existent, except for isolated good patches.

Its defence was sounder in the second-half, when David Baker came on and stemmed the Essendon attack.

Canberra City had to play hard to beat West Woden Juventus 3-1 in a first-round Philips Cup match at Canberra.

Juventus jolted City by scoring first through its Fijian striker Vulu Ware.

The West Australian representatives Kingsway Olympic reached the second-round with a resounding 4-1 win over South Australian State League team Cumberland United.

SYDNEY CITY 4 (Borges 3, Souness) d AUBURN 2 (Leak, Montgomery) at Wentworth Park.

APIA 3 (Samuels 2, Drews) d CROATIA 0 at Wentworth Park. Crowd: 3693.

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Ontong, Hermiston) d SOUTHSIDE EAGLES 2 (Millman, Bohan) at Perry Park. Brisbane Lions won 5-4 on penalties.

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Kelsi 2) d ST GEORGE SOUTH 0 at Perry Park. Crowd: 1500.

ST GEORGE 6 (Morgan 2, Katholos 2, O'Connor, J. O'Shea) d IPSWICH 2 (R. Wilson, Kathage) at Barton Stadium.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Botham, Eaton) d SUTHERLAND 1 (Beaggs). Crowd: 1982.

MELITA 2 (R. Farrugia, McPherson) d MARCONI 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4578.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 3 (Boden 2, Heys) d EDGEWORTH EAGLES 2 (Blazewski, Parkinson) at Newcastle. Crowd: 6021.

CANBERRA CITY 3 (Gruicic, Brown, Fieldink) d WEST WODEN JUVENTUS 1 (Wate) at Bruce Stadium Canberra. Crowd: 1500.

PRESTON 6 (Ward 4, Cullen, Rainey) d WHITE EAGLES 0 at Middle Park.

ESSENDON 4 (Murphy, Owens, Gilder, Cummings) d ST KILDA 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 2000.

FOOTSCRAY 2 (Palinkas, Rulevic) d GEORGE CROSS 1 (Thom) at Olympic Park.

HEIDELBERG UNITED 2 (Campbell 2) d SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Christopoulos) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 6000.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Nyskohus) d WEST ADELAIDE 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 8123.

ED AZZURRI 2 (Alder Smythe) d ELIZABETH CITY 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

KINGSWAY OLYMPIC 4 (Proctor 2, P. Tombides 2) d CUMBERLAND UNITED 1 (McNally) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2000.

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